



Etymology of the name “Boris”

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The *first man who is named “Boris”, is k̄ānā (ruler, king) Boris Ist (852 – 889, †907), the Baptist of Bulgaria.* The origin of the name is *Irano-Bulgarian/Ancient-Bulgarian/Proto-Bulgarian* (Proto-Bulgarian is *not Türkic* – it’s an *Iranian* language): Proto-Indo-European (PIE.) acrostatic noun (N.sg.) **bōl* ~ **bēl* (Gen.sg.) **bēl-s* “a power, a might” + PIE. **h₂eik̄-/h₂ik̄-* “to dominate, to rule” + compositive suff. **-ó-* → **bel-h₂ik̄-ó-s* → **belih₂kōs* “a master of the power” → {PIE. **l* → Proto-Indo-Iranian (PII.) **l/*r*} PII. **barītcās* → Proto-Iranian (PIr.) **barītsáh* → Proto-Bulgarian = Irano-Bulgarian (IrBg.) **b̥orīsáh* → **b̥orīsá* → (accent shift to left) **b̥orísə* → **b̥orísə* → *B̥orís* – *direct etymological cognate is the Old Iranian name Βαρίσ(σ)ης*, in *Elamite* recording *Ba-ir-iš-šá* [barisa] ← Old Iranian **barītsáh*.

Alternative etymology: PIE. **b^herh₂-/b^hrh₂-* “to move quickly” + suff. **-u-* → **b^herh₂u-/b^hrh₂u-* → **b^heru-/b^hru-* ~ **b^heur-/b^hur-* “to rage, to boil; a storm, a tempest”¹ + PIE. **h₂eik̄-/h₂ik̄-* “to dominate, to rule” + compositive suff. **-ó-* → **b^heur-h₂ik̄-ó-s* → **b^heurih₂kōs* “a master of the storm” → PII. **b^haurītcās* → PIr. **baurītsáh* → IrBg. **b̥orīsáh* → **b̥orīsá* → (accent shift to the left) **b̥orísə* → **b̥orísə* → *B̥orís*.



¹ *Schmitt, Rüdiger & Eichner, Heiner & Fragner, Bert & Sadowski, Velizar: Iranisches Personennamenbuch – Band V, Faszikel 5A: Iranische Personennamen in der griechischen Literatur vor Alexander D.Gr., Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, Wien 2011, p.160, №119*

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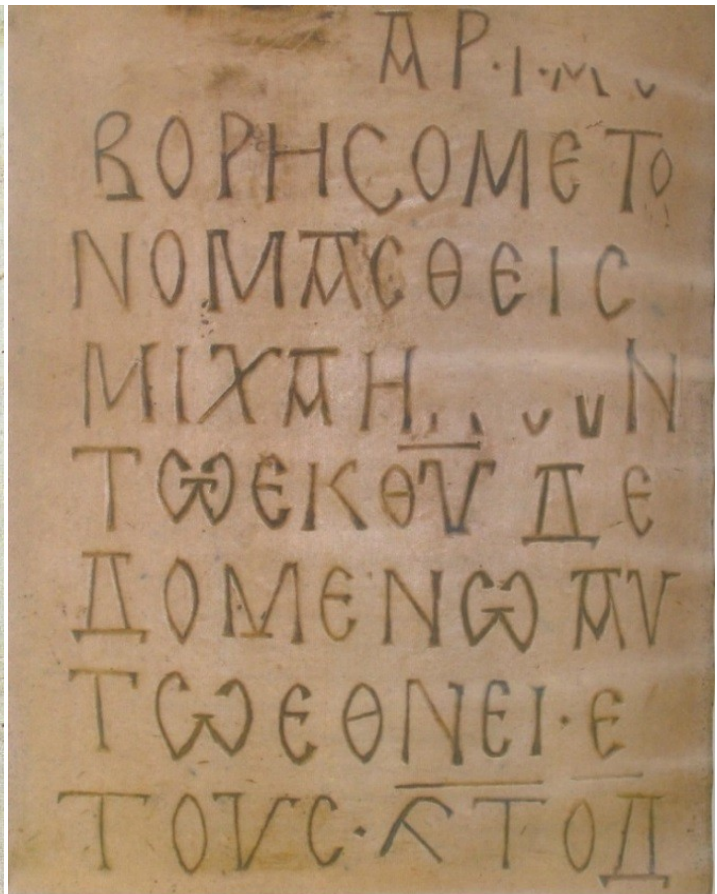
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*Inscription of **Balshi** (Albania):*
Βορης ο μετονομασθεις Μιχαηλ] -
Boris, named (as Christian) Mihail
(6374 = 865 / 866 A.D.)

Kana *Boris I* (852-889, +907)



Bulgaria before the invasion of the Magyars